TITLE: Recommendation to Support Chapter 9 Changes to Graduate Student Handbook- “GRADUATE STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES”

WHEREAS, The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) of Iowa State University is the representative body of the graduate and professional students on the Iowa State campus, and

WHEREAS, Iowa State University is dedicated to the education and development of students where the graduate students play an important role in the ability of the university to provide a world-class education and conduct quality research, and

WHEREAS, Graduate students take on many roles including learners, teachers, researchers, students and employees of the University, and deserve a high quality education and preparation for their professional careers, and

WHEREAS, Graduate students at Iowa State University have felt the need to concretely outline their rights and responsibilities to ensure that the relationship between graduate students and the University is open and upheld, a bill of rights, in the form of “Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities” has been formed to better satisfy their needs and ensure their protection,

WHEREAS, To address these issues, members of GPSS drafted a “Bill of Rights” for graduate students, and submitted that draft to the Graduate Council for review,

WHEREAS, A “Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities” may now be incorporated into the Graduate Student Handbook,

WHEREAS, The current draft for the this section of Chapter 9 of the Graduate Student Handbook is equivalent to the original document drafted by members of GPSS, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the body of GPSS send this resolution to the Graduate Council in support of the current draft of Chapter 9 of the Graduate Student Handbook, specifically the “Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities” section, and be it further
RESOLVED: That GPSS encourages the promotion of the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities on the homepage of GPSS, Graduate College, and each graduate program after its acceptance by the Graduate Council.

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